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LATimes (Chron 2/17/73 Gray to Get FBI Post Permanently) says and you marked that Nixon had made up mind in past two days. Don't believe. One purpose only was served by delay, to have means of assuring shuiman cooperation. Couldn't be done minute trial was over. Needn't have been delayed to begin with, and if he really wanted Gray it was insane to delay. Which raises a possible fear: what it was known could have been said about Gray and the investigation during a pre-election confirmation hearing if one of the inside singers hit the right chord. If there ia anything Gray could have done to protect GL and WH that he didn't, I can' think of it. Had what has since surfaced been out before the trial, during a campaign it might have meant something. And led to more than campaign talk...Anderson column Chron 3/8/73 reprinted Freep:Post carried all. It is for reasons like this that I occasionally send what I know is contracted for by your local papers. HW 3/17/73